

NO TO ITALY

WYCOMBE Wanderers, holders of the Anglo-Italian Trophy, have turned down the chance to play in this season's competition due to rising costs.

The Blues beat A.C. Monza 2-1 on aggregate last year to take the first-ever trophy, having lost 1-0 in Italy but winning the second leg 2-1 at Loakes Park.

This season Scarborough, as winners of the F.A. Challenge Trophy, were invited to compete but when they turned down the offer for financial reasons, the chance was offered to Wycombe. But due to the cost of staging the games and also the unavailability of the schoolteachers in their squad, they had to refuse.

The Anglo-Italian Trophy is one of two competitions between English and Italian non-league clubs. During the summer Wanderers took part in the Anglo-Italian Inter-League Semi-Professional Tournament, which was won by A.C. Monza.
